

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**FOR**

**NATHAN ALLNUTT FARM**

**15800 DARNESTOWN ROAD, DARNESTOWN**

Montgomery County Survey Prefix & Site Number: M-24/2

Approximate Building Date: 1903/1907

Town or Vicinity in which Resource is Located: Darnestown

Access: Private

The Nathan Allnutt Farmhouse is a two and a half story, three bay frame dwelling built c1907 with an earlier rear ell dating from 1903. The building form--three bays wide, eaves front orientation, asymmetrical fenestration--is common in the Darnestown area, yet most other known examples date from the mid-19th century. The farm was established by a prominent local family, and includes two noteworthy outbuildings: a large bank barn and an unusual stone barn. The house and bank barn have been altered in recent years.

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. M:24-2

Magi No.

DOE    yes    no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Nathan Allnutt Farm

and/or common Kramm-Darby Farm; Edgewood

**2. Location**

street & number 15800 Darnestown Road

   not for publication

city, town Darnestown

   vicinity of

congressional district 8

state MD

county Montgomery

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture
<u>  </u> building(s)	<u>  </u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial
	<u>  </u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military
			<u>  </u> museum
			<u>  </u> park
			<u>  </u> private residence
			<u>  </u> religious
			<u>  </u> scientific
			<u>  </u> transportation
			<u>  </u> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert W. and Mary W. Truland

street & number 15800 Darnestown Road

telephone no.: 301/670-9458

city, town Germantown

state and zip code MD 20878

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse

liber 435

street & number 51 Monroe Street

folio 527

city, town Rockville

state MD

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title M-NCPPC Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1976

   federal    state       county    local

pository for survey records M-NCPPC

city, town Silver Spring

state MD

## 7. Description

Survey No. M:24-2

### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See continuation sheet.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. M:24-2

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c1903

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See continuation sheet.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:24-2

See continuation sheet.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 61.24 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting				Northing				

B 

Zone	Easting				Northing				

C 

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D 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Clare Lise Cavicchiorganization M-NCPPCdate May 1994street & number 8787 Georgia Avenuetelephone 301/495-4570city or town Silver Springstate MD

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The Nathan Allnutt Farmhouse is a two and a half story, three bay, double pile frame dwelling built c1907 with an earlier rear ell dating from 1903. The composition shingled roof meets a brick external chimney on the north slope of the east gable. The walls are covered with drop (German) siding and punctuated by windows with two over two sash, molded architraves and sills. The one story full-width porch has a raised-seam metal shed roof and is supported by round columns connected by a railing with wire mesh. The houses central entrance contains a pair single pane French doors without transom.

A one story gable roof garage is attached to the east side with entrance bays for two cars on the east facade. A vented cupola with weathervane marks the roof east ridge end. A six over six sash window is located on the north (main) elevation.

At the northwest corner of the main block, the front porch is attached to an open deck which wraps around to the west facade where it is accessed by a flight of wood steps. Standing around the perimeter of the deck are round columns connected at the tops by horizontal wood members one of which is attached to the porch. At its northwest corner, the rectangular deck widens into a hexagon.

The two bay west end of the main block contains a segmentally arched gable window with two over two sash. Two sets of paired single pane French doors with transoms are located on first and second levels of the south-most bay. The remaining bays contain two over two sash windows. This gable end forms a continuous wall surface with the west facade of a rear two story, two bay ell. Windows are two over two sash except for the first level of the south bay where a projecting bay window is sheltered by a standing seam metal roof.

An exterior flue chimney is located near the north-most bay of the ell while an interior chimney is located at the south gable end. From the south elevation of this ell projects a one story greenhouse. The east facade of the rear ell contains a one story shed roof porch which has been enclosed. This facade appears to have been the original front facade of the c1900 house which preceded the main block. The porch roof is connected with the roof of another porch across the length of the east garage wing.

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According to the present owner, the garage and chimney at the east end of the main block were built in the 1960s and the greenhouse was added in the 1970s. Significant changes made after the Trulands purchased the property in 1984 include replacement of north front porch, square porch columns with present porch, round columns and wrap-around deck, removal of steps on all three sides of porch, and replacement of doors and windows on north, west, and south elevations with single and paired French doors. During the same period, the rear ell was altered by replacement of a window with a projecting bay window, addition of a skylight on the east roof slope, and enclosure of east porch.

A large bank barn, located to the rear of the house, facing northwest, was built about the same time as the house. The composition-shingled gable roof is punctuated by three metal ventilators, which became popular after 1900. Walls are sheathed with drop (German) siding, most windows are louvered, and foundation is concrete. Two replacement overhead doors on the northwest elevation are accessed by an elevated ramp with side retaining walls.

Southwest of and perpendicular to the bank barn is a handsome one story side gable fieldstone barn with two arched wagon drive throughs on the east elevation and an eight light casement window with transom on the north. Judging by the style of the casement, the barn appears to date from the 1930s-40s.

Immediately west of the bank barn is a one story concrete block milk house built in two sections, at least part of which was built in the first half of the 20th century. Continuing to the west is a one story, four bay, Ranch style tenant house with drop (German) siding and six over six sash from the mid 20th century. The current owners renovated this structure and added a prefabricated building in a field to the south of the bank barn.

The Nathan Allnutt Farm, set well back from Darnestown Road amidst rolling hills and open fields, is accessed by a long, winding driveway. A picturesque farm pond is located to the west of the driveway, just before the house is reached. The rural setting is important to the character of the site.

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Summary: The Nathan Allnutt Farm, established by a prominent local family, includes two noteworthy outbuildings: a large bank barn and unusual stone barn. The c1903 house is a late example of a traditional Darnestown area building form, with its eaves front orientation, three bay width, and asymmetrical fenestration. The house and bank barn have been substantially altered in recent years.

The house was built by Nathan S. Nace Allnutt (1862-1930) c1903 when he purchased the 179 1/4 acre property from the estate of his father Nathan W. Allnutt. An increase in property value in 1907 may indicate expansion of the house. It appears that the rear section was built first, facing east.1

Nathan and his wife, Myra Compton Allnutt, who were married in 1895, named their farm Edgewood. They had two daughters: Laura, who later married Roy Darby and lived in Gaithersburg, and Natalie who married Ashton Gouldin and lived near Fredericksburg, Va.2 Members of the Allnutt family were early regional settlers and were prolific in the Darnestown and Dawsonville area by the late 19th century.

Sometime after the Allnutts sold the farm in 1925 to William B. Allnutt (son of Robert W.), it was used for dairy farming. (See attached chain of title.) When the Elgins sold the property in 1952, the milking parlor equipment was still in place and crops were growing in the fields. After buying it in 1963, the Kramms rented the property out as a horse farm, offering boarding and riding lessons. More recently, the Palisades Construction Corporation bought the farm in 1984 (Alice O. Truland, Vice President), and Robert and Mary Truland in 1992.



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Preservation Planning Data:

- a. Geographic Organization: Piedmont
- b. Chronological/Development Periods:  
Agricultural-Industrial  
Transition (1815-1870),  
Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
- c. Historic Period Themes:  
Agriculture, Architecture
- d. Resource Type:  
Category: Building  
Historic Environment: Rural  
Historic Function: Farmhouse/Outbuilding  
Use: Residential

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Chain of Title

Petersburg tract patented c1794 by **Zachariah Offutt** (b1730).

Son **Andrew Offutt** (1775-1837) married Elizabeth Warfield 1802. Residence to southeast of subject property (#24/3). Property included 408 acres containing parcel in question. Upon death left 9 children and wife, Eliza.  
1839 Equity Case - Parcel 2: 188 1/2 acres (Judgement Records JGH 2:228)

1856 **Nathan W Allnutt** purchased from Offutt's estate  
188 1/2 acres for \$3013.92 1/2 paid June 1855 (Deed JGH 5:242)  
(Lawrence Darby purchased Andrew Offutt house next door 1855, m Sally Chiswell 1856)

1903 Margaret E Allnutt Sr, widow of Nathan W Allnutt, and heirs to **Nathan S Allnutt**  
179 1/4 acres, \$3226.50, pt Addition to Mother's Good Will and Petersburg (Deed 178:120)

1925 Nathan S Allnutt and wife Myra C Allnutt, now residing at Fort Royal, Virginia to **William B Allnutt**  
179 1/4 acres, \$10 (Deed 382:364)

1940 William B and Harriette S Allnutt to **Thomas Denton Geoghegan and Ellen Spofford Geoghegan**  
Parcel 1: 179 1/4 acres  
(Parcel 2: 42 1/2 acres (minus 19.7 acres) conveyed to Wm Allnutt by Lawrence Allnutt [uncle?])  
\$10 (Deed 799:350)

1952 Thomas Denton Geoghegan and Ellen Spofford Geoghegan to **James E and Frances G Elgin**  
pt Addition to Mother's Good Will, Petersburg  
Parcel 1: 179 1/4 acres

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(Parcel 2: 42 1/2 acres minus 19.7 acres)  
\$10; Mortgage for \$29,000 1953  
(1677:323)

1955 James E and Frances G Elgin

to **Stear-Mark Corp**

Parcel 1: 179 1/2 acres

(Parcel 2: 42 1/2 acres minus 19.7 acres)

\$5; Amount of \$26,750 now due on orig mortgage of  
\$29,000.

"All milking parlor equipment including milk tank, compressors, hot water heater, wash up tanks, and all other dairy equipment, all personal property and growing crops are reserved by Elgin...not included in deed with right to harvest and remove crops, fixtures, and personal property after delivery of deed. Farm sold without stock or machinery. Range, refrigerator, and shades or venetian blinds now installed in house remain with property."

(Deed 2132:380)

Mar 1963 **John Sumner Wood, Sr.** (wife Peggy Angel Wood)

to **Barbara B Cunningham**

tract known as Doll Baby Farm, 102.05 acres

\$1 (Sumner Wood, atty w/ offices Rockville and DC)

(Deed 3069:655)

Mortgage for \$52,500 (2848:43)

Nov 1963 Barbara B and T Halter Cunningham

to **August and Joyce F Kramm**

\$10; mortgage \$50,000, released 1968 (3166:39)

(Deed 3166:36)

1976 August Kramm to State of Md Dept Natural Resources

40.8174 acres bounded by Seneca Creek and Darnestown Rd

(Deed 4840:271)

1981 August Kramm to **August and Joan B Kramm**

102.05 acres minus 40.8174 acres conveyed to Md

\$10. Joyce F Kramm now deceased

(Deed 5744:17)

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1984 August and Joan B Kramm to **Palisades Construction Corp**  
102.05 acres minus 40.8174 acres  
\$475,000; 15800 Darnestown Rd  
(Deed 6282:390)

1992 Palisades Construction Corp, Alice O Truland, Vice Pres  
to **Robert W and Mary W Truland** of Arlington, Va  
102.05 acres minus 40.8174 acres  
pt of Addition to Mother's Good Will, Petersburg  
\$488,000, 15800 Darnestown Rd  
(Deed 10435:527)

Endnotes

<sup>1</sup> Catherine Crawford's MHT Inventory Form, c1983. Tax Assessment Books, 1905-1910. In contradiction of the presumption that the house was built in two stages, the present owner states that the foundation for front and rear sections of the house are continuous.

<sup>2</sup> Jane C. Sween "A History of Dawsonville and Seneca, Montgomery County, Maryland," Unpublished manuscript, 1967 (Revised 1993). Montgomery County Historical Society.

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NATHAN ALLNUTT FARM -

~~Outing~~ -  
Fieldstone Barn

M-24/2

15800 Darnestown Road

Darnestown MD 20874 (Montgomery County)

Lois Snyderman

12/93

East (left)

North (right)

1 of 16 NEG: MD SHPO

3386-23



NATHAN ALLNUTT FARM  
M-24/2

Tenant House

15800 Darnestown Road

Darnestown MD 20874 (Montgomery County)

Lois Snyderman

12/93

East (main)

NEG: MD SHPO

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NATHAN ALLNOT FARM (Outblg)(Trailer)  
M-24/2

15800 Darnestown Road

Darnestown MD 20874 (Montgomery County)

Lois Snyderman

12/93

North

NEG: MD SHPO

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NATHAN AUNT Farm - View from House  
M-24/2

15800 Darnestown Road  
Darnestown MD 20874 (Montgomery County)

Lois Snyderman

12/93

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NEG: MD JMO

46f16

3386-25





NATHAN ALLNUTT Farm (Paak Barn)  
M-24 1/2

15800 Darnestown Road  
Darnestown MD 20874 (Montgomery County)  
Lois Snyderman  
12/93

East (Left)  
North (Right)

NEG: MD SHPO  
50 f16

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NATHAN ALVUTT Farm (Bank Farm)

M-24/2

15800 Darnestown Road

Darnestown MD 20874 (Montgomery County)

Lois Snyderman

12/93

North (Main)

NEG: MD SHPO

60 f 16

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NATHAN ALLNUTT FARM

Pink Barn  
(Rear)

M-2412

15800 Darnestown Road

Darnestown MD 20874 (Montgomery County)

Lois Snyderman

12/53

South

NEG: MD SHPO

70716

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NATHAN ALLNOTT FARM Outbldg (Concrete Floor  
milk stand)

M-24/2

15800 Darnestown Road

Darnestown MD 20874 (Montgomery County)

Lois Snyderman

12/93

~~West~~ East (Left)

North (Right)

NEG: MD SHPO

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NATHAN ALLNUTT FARM

M - 24/2

15800 Darnestown Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. City)

L Snyderman

12/93

North (Main)

NEG: MD SHPO

90516



NATHAN ALBERT Farm  
M-24/2

15800 Darnestown Road  
Darnestown MD 20824 (Montgomery County)  
Lois Snyderman  
12/93  
East

NEG: MD SHPO  
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NATHAN ALLNUTT FARM  
M-24/2

15800 Darnestown Road  
Darnestown MD 20874 (Montgomery County)

Lois Snyderman  
12/93

North (Left)  
West (Right)

NEG: MD SHPD  
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NATHAN AUNOTT Farm  
M24/2

15800 Darnestown Road  
Darnestown MD 20874 (Montgomery County)

2015 Snyderman

12/93

North (main) (Left)  
West (Right)

NEG: MD SHPO

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NATHAN ALLNOTT FARM

M-24/2

15800 Darnestown Road

Darnestown MD 20874 (Montgomery County)

Lois Snyderman

12/93

West

NEG: MD SHPO

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NATHAN ALVUTI Farm

M-24/2

15800 Darnestown Road

Darnestown MD 20874 (Montgomery County)

Lois Snyderman

12/93

South (rear)

NEG: MD SHPO

140f16

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M-24/2

# NATHAN ALLNUTT FARM

15800 Darnestown Road

Darnestown MD 20874 (Montgomery County)

Lois Snyderman

12/93

South (Left)

East (Right)

NEG: MD SHPO

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NATHAN ALMUTT FARM

M-24/2

15800 Darnestown Road

Darnestown MD 20874 (Montgomery County)

Lois Snyderman

12/93

East

NEG: MD SHPO

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**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. M 24-2

Magi No. 1606285704

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Darby/Kramm Farm

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 15800 Darnestown Rd. (Rt. 28)

☐ not for publication

city, town Darnestown

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

6th

state Maryland

county Montgomery

**3. Classification**

**Category**

☐ district

☒ building(s)

☐ structure

☐ site

☐ object

**Ownership**

☐ public

☒ private

☐ both

**Public Acquisition**

☐ in process

☐ being considered

☐ not applicable

**Status**

☒ occupied

☐ unoccupied

☐ work in progress

**Accessible**

☐ yes: restricted

☐ yes: unrestricted

☒ no

**Present Use**

☐ agriculture

☐ commercial

☐ educational

☐ entertainment

☐ government

☐ industrial

☐ military

☐ museum

☐ park

☒ private residence

☐ religious

☐ scientific

☐ transportation

☐ other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name August and Joyce Kramm

street & number 3504 Idaho Ave., NW

telephone no.:

city, town Washington, D.C.

state and zip code

20016

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse

liber 3166

street & number

folio 36

city, town

Rockville

state

Md.

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976

☐ federal

☒ state

☒ county

☐ local

postitory for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town

Rockville

state

Md.



# DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

M:24-2

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a two-story, frame farmhouse of unusual styling. The house, probably built ca. 1900, features three bays on the main (north) facade. The center bay, containing the door and window above, is off-center, being located just west of the middle of the house. The door has a transom-light. The steep A-roof overhangs slightly, and is covered with patterned slate shingles. There are (newer) brick chimneys on both the west and east exterior walls. A raised, one-story, open porch with turned posts crosses the main (north) facade. The 2/2 windows have molded architraves and sills. Siding is German.

A lower, two-story ell extends to the SW rear, and a newer, low, one-story wing is attached to the east wall of the main house.

Outbuildings include an unusually solid bank barn with a cement foundation, German siding, basement windows and louvered vents. Roof vents are decorative metal ones. There is a small, fieldstone building behind the barn.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## B. Significance

Survey No. .

M:24-2

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Kramm farmhouse is a circa. 1900 rural vernacular dwelling. The house, nicely maintained and beautifully situated, is somewhat different in its architectural styling than most of the farm houses in the area (which seem to have more of a Victorian influence than the Kramm house). It has a single story modern wing at the east elevation of the main block. This newer wing however is in keeping with the architectural style of the original house.

The house was built about 1903 by Nathan S. Allnutt on 179 1/4 acres which he purchased in June of 1903 from his family as part of the estate of deceased father, Nathan W. Allnutt, who died in 1901.<sup>1</sup> Nathan S. added the two story rear wing to the house about 1907.<sup>2</sup> The farm remained in the Allnutt family until October of 1940 when it was sold to Thomas and Ellen Geoghegan.<sup>3</sup> They sold the farm in 1952 and it went through a succession of owners until 1963 when it was purchased by the present owners, Dr. August and Joyce Kramm.<sup>4</sup> The Kramms rent out the property which is now being used as a horse farm, offering boarding, riding lessons, etc.

<sup>1</sup> Deed 178/120, Montgomery County Land Records. The date given is based on the date that Nathan purchased the land described as unimproved and the accounts given in the tax assessment books.

<sup>2</sup> Montgomery County Commissioners Tax Assessment Books, 1905-1910.

<sup>3</sup> Deed 799/350, Montgomery County Land Records.

<sup>4</sup> Deed 3166/36, " "

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:24-2

Montgomery County Land Records  
Montgomery County Judgement Records  
Montgomery County Commissioners Tax Assessment Books

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 61.24 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Mont. Co. Hist. Pres. Comm.

date 8/83

street &amp; number

telephone

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Darby (Kramm) Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Rte. 28, east of Great Seneca Creek

CITY, TOWN

Darnestown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Dr. August Kramm

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Rte. 28

CITY, TOWN

Darnestown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This is a two-story, frame farmhouse of unusual styling. The house, probably built ca. 1900, features three bays on the main (north) facade. The center bay, containing the door and window above, is off-center, being located just west of the middle of the house. The door has a transom-light. The steep A-roof overhangs slightly, and is covered with patterned slate shingles. There are (newer) brick chimneys on both the west and east exterior walls. A raised, one-story, open porch with turned posts crosses the main (north) facade. The 2/2 windows have molded architraves and sills. Siding is German.

A lower, two-story ell extends to the SW rear, and a newer, low, one-story wing is attached to the east wall of the main house.

Outbuildings include an unusually solid bank barn with a cement foundation, German siding, basement windows and louvered vents. Roof vents are decorative metal ones. There is a small, fieldstone building behind the barn.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was one of the Darby farms during the early 20th Century. Unusual architectural style.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

5/8/74

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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NAME DARBY HOUSE (KRAMM)

LOCATION Rt 28 DARNESTOWN, Md

FACADE N

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NAME DARBY HOUSE (KRAMM)  
LOCATION Rt 28 DARNESTOWN, Md  
FACADE S  
PHOTO TAKEN 5/8/74 MFB



NAME DARBY HOUSE (KRAMM) - BARN  
LOCATION Rt 28 DARNESTOWN, Md  
FACADE NE  
PHOTO TAKEN 5/8/74 MFB